

South King County Projects Update

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South King County Traffic Closures This Week

Interstate 5

Three lanes of northbound I-5 near Military Road will close nightly Tuesday through Thursday (Sept. 27-29) from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. for paving. Crews may also close up to two northbound lanes on an additional night (to be determined) to complete the paving.

The **left lane of southbound I-5 between S. 336th and the Pierce County line** will close nightly Monday through Thursday (Sept. 26-29) from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. for median work.

The **left lane of southbound I-5 between Military Road and S. 320th** will close daily Monday through Saturday (Sept. 26-Oct. 1) from 2 a.m. to 1 p.m. for median work

Expect daytime **shoulder closures** on I-5 from S. 320th to the Pierce County line for electrical work.

Highway 18

One lane in each direction of Highway 18 near I-5 will close nightly Monday through Thursday (Sept. 26-29) from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. for bridge work.

Highway 161

Expect daytime **shoulder closures** on Highway 161 between S. 360th and Milton Way from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (Sept. 26-30) for work associated with highway widening.

City Streets

All lanes in both directions of Peasley Canyon Road between S. 321st Street and Peasley Canyon Way will close Tuesday through Thursday nights (Sept. 27-29) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Crews will stripe lanes, install guardrail and remove temporary barrier. A signed detour will direct traffic around the closure using S. 321st, Military Road, and Peasley Canyon Way.

The **intersection of S. 317th St. and 28th Ave. S.** is scheduled to reopen at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1. It has been closed since Sept. 12 while crews built a roundabout (circular intersection).

Construction Updates

Sound Transit's Federal Way Transit Center **South 317th Street and 23rd Avenue South**

Crews working for Sound Transit have completed the new parking garage structure and the pedestrian shelter structure on the boarding platform. They've paved the entrances and exits at the transit center site. They are now working inside the parking garage:

- installing electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems
- painting the concrete and steel
- assembling two elevators
- installing pedestrian handrails along the south side

They are also paving the bus driving area and assembling an elevator on the boarding platform. Sound Transit expects to open the new transit center at the next bus service change in February.

I-5 - S. 317th HOV Direct Access **Military Road South to South 320th Street**

This week, we're repaving the northbound I-5 bridge over Military Road to extend the life of this 46-year-old bridge. We've almost completed the roundabout at the intersection of S. 317th and 28th Ave. S. Last week crews built sidewalks, curbs and gutters around the intersection, placed the base for the new pavement, and placed the foundation for the electrical cabinet that will control the new traffic signals. We've also excavated and placed base material for the extension of the northbound HOV lane between Military Road and S. 320th. Work continues on the new HOV ramps in the median. Please view our [new construction photos](#) from this project.

I-5 HOV Widening **South 320th Street to the King/Pierce County Line**

We're grading and placing base material for the new northbound and southbound HOV lanes. We continue seeding around the detention ponds to prevent erosion. Work continues on retaining walls in the median at S. 375th and Highway 161 to separate the higher northbound lanes from the lower southbound lanes. We're also building foundations to widen I-5 over Highway 18 and S. 336th.

Highway 18 Truck Climbing Lane **Highway 167 to Weyerhaeuser Way**

This week we're busy restoring Peasley Canyon Road underneath Highway 18. During construction of the wider Highway 18 overcrossing crews narrowed Peasley Canyon Road to accommodate the work. Restoring Peasley Canyon Road involves restriping, removing temporary barrier, installing guardrail and other tasks. Also this week, we continue installing the electrical system that will power new roadway lighting and traffic cameras.

Highway 161 Widening **Jovita Boulevard to South 360th Street**

This week we're paving widened sections of highway between 28th Avenue S. and S. 370th Street, building retaining walls, excavating for detention ponds and installing drainage. Last weekend crews rebuilt 28th Avenue S. on the east side of Highway 161 so it matched the height of the widened roadway.

Sound Transit and WSDOT Open Washington's Third Direct Access Ramp

On Monday, Sept. 19, Sound Transit and WSDOT opened the [Ash Way transit access ramp](#) in Lynnwood. This ramp will serve 180 buses daily and commuters will enjoy an average savings of 12 minutes on their bus trips.

Direct access projects allow buses (and in most cases also carpools and vanpools) to enter and exit HOV lanes directly without merging through several lanes of traffic. This makes trips faster and safer for all drivers. Sound Transit and WSDOT have nine direct access projects to improve transit and keep traffic moving in the Puget Sound region:

Completed and open to traffic:

- I-5 at 44th Avenue West in Lynnwood (opened Nov. 2004)
- I-405 at NE 6th Street in Bellevue (opened Dec. 2004)
- I-5 at Ash Way in Lynnwood (opened Sept. 2005) – transit only

Under construction:

- I-5 at S. 317th Street in Federal Way (open fall 2005)
- I-90 at 142nd Place SE in Eastgate (open summer 2006) – transit only
- I-405 at NE 128th Street in Kirkland (open late 2006)

In design:

- I-5 at 112th Street SE in South Everett
- I-90 Two-Way Transit and HOV Operations between Seattle and Bellevue
- I-405 at N. 8th Street in Renton

Highway Advisory Radio Updates

Tune your radio to **AM 1520** to hear a new project update each week on I-5 in Federal Way. Questions or comments? E-mail Laura Johnson at JohnsoL@wsdot.wa.gov.

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